

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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September 23, 2005
STROMBLAD et al
P07900US01/BAS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination:

- A) please consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment C; and
- B) please amend the above identified application as follows:
 - Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph(s) provided herewith in Attachment A.
 - Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment B.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Date: December 2, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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